Previously on SAO
The experiment Kirito was taking part in turned out to be the testing of a machine capable of 'writing information to the human soul', the 'Soul Translator'. Asuna and Sinon were shocked and wary of that surreal theory, but—?
«SAO» GRANTED THESE TWO A STRONG BOND. AND ALSO, A CRUEL FATE.
SWORD ART ONLINE
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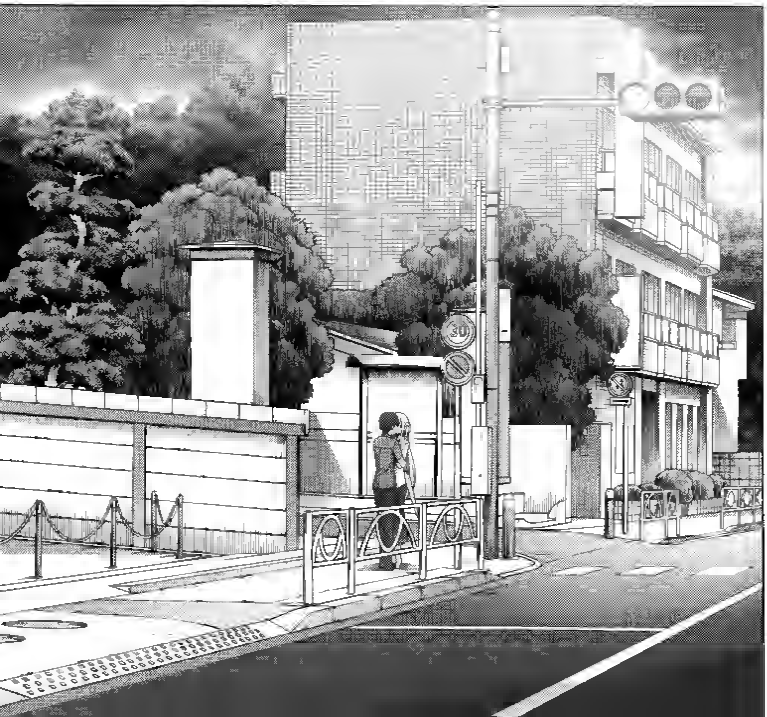
I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF RESEARCH OVER THE PAST YEAR.
I REALLY THINK I HAVE TO GO.
ASUNA...
TO AMERICA?
YEAH.
RESEARCH ON THE NEXT-GENERATION FULLDIVE TECHNOLOGY, THE BRAIN IMPLANT CHIP, IS MORE ADVANCED IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.
I WANT TO SEE IT NO MATTER WHAT.
THE PLACE WHERE THE NEXT WORLD WILL BE BORN.

I WANT YOU TO COME WITH ME, ASUNA.
IT'S NOT ALL SUNSHINE AND RAINBOWS, VERY PAINFUL THINGS HAVE HAPPENED AS WELL.
WHY WERE WE SUMMONED TO THAT CASTLE? WHAT WAS OUR DESTINATION?
I WANT TO FIND OUT
SO...
I-I...
I KNOW THAT THIS IS VERY RECKLESS OF ME,
BUT EVEN SO, LIKE I THOUGHT, I...
I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU BY MY SIDE.

SFX HOLD
OF COURSE I'LL COME WITH YOU.
I'LL COME WITH YOU,
NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO.
ASUNA ...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I'LL NEED TO PROPERLY GIVE YOUR PARENTS MY REGARDS, TOO...
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE. SHE'S BEEN A LOT MORE UNDERSTANDING NOWADAYS...
I DO TEXT SHOUZOU-SAN SOMETIMES, BUT YOUR MOM...
...BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME ONE THING.
PROMISE ME YOU'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING DANGEROUS AGAIN.
OF COURSE NOT.
MAYBE AFTER FINALS ARE OVER...
GOOD GRIEF.
HUH?
SINCE YOU MENTIONED IT, WHY NOT COME OVER TODAY?
WELL, I'LL SEE YOU.
YUP.

!
AH
EXCUSE ME.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, BUT
WHICH WAY TO THE TRAIN STATION?
UM
OH, THE TRAIN STATION?
GO STRAIGHT DOWN THIS ROAD...

SWISH
HUH?
KIRITO -KUN?!
YOU.
YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING US SINCE WE LEFT THE DICEY CAFE, HAVEN'T YOU?
!
WHO ARE YOU?

WHEW-
LOOKS LIKE I COULDN'T PULL OFF AN AMBUSH AFTER ALL
"WHO AM I," YOU ASK?
THAT'S NOT FAIR, KIRITO -SAN.
I NEVER FORGOT YOU, NOT FOR A SINGLE DAY.
...AH
I WAS ALWAYS IN THE MASK OVER THERE, WASN'T I?
!!

«JOHNNY BLACK»!
PFF
HAHAHA-HAHAHA!
IT'S NOT THERE!
THERE'S NO SWORD!!
HE WAS STILL ON THE LOOSE?!

Forming a team with «Red-Eyed XaXa», he'd killed more than ten players
Johnny Black, of the red player guild «Laughing Coffin» in Old Aincrad!

He was the mastermind behind that terrible «Death Gun» incident!
XaXa.
I'd already heard that name a mere six months ago.

SINCE XAXA'S BEEN CAUGHT, I OUGHT TO SHOW YOU OUR SPIRIT, RIGHT ?
AS THE LAST REMAINING MEMBER OF LC.
BUT REALLY, KIRITO -SAN
The main culprit, XaXa, also known as Shinkawa Shouichi, and his younger brother Kyouji had both been arrested. It was natural to expect that the remaining person had been arrested too.
The third person's name was Kanemoto, I think...
HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING US?

SFX: REACH
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WITHOUT YOUR POISON WEAPONS, WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO...
WITHOUT A SWORD, YOU...
YOU'RE JUST A PATHETIC LITTLE KID, AREN'T YOU?
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT YOU'RE THE SAME GREAT SWORDSMAN WHO BEAT US ALL INTO PULP?

I DO HAVE A POISON WEAPON!
I DOOOO HAVE ONE!
BUT, UNFORTU-NATELY, IT'S NOT A KNIFE!
SFX SHING
IT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE ONE SHINKAWA KYOUJI USED! THAT'S A HIGH-PRES-SURE JET INJECTOR.
FILLED A WITH A HORRIBLE DRUG THAT CAN STOP A HEART!!
THAT'S ...
THE «DEATH GUN»...!

ASUNA, RUN!
SFX: WHOOSH
GET HELP!
PAT
PAT
THE ONE WHO TOOK DOWN THE «BLACK SWORDSMAN» WAS ME, «JOHNNY BLACK»!!
HEY, «FLASH»! SPREAD THE WORD!
PAT
GOT IT!

SFX: SMACK
HELP!
ANYONE
...

SFX: CRUMPLE

SFX WEE-WOO, WEE-WOO
SFX VRRRRRR
KIRITO-KUN!
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON, WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUH... SOME KIND OF INCIDENT?
SFX SHUFFLE SHUFFLE

I NEED AN IV OF EPI-NEPH-RINE!
NO, ATROPINE!
INSERT-ING VEIN CATHE-TER!
RESPIRA-TORY FAILURE!
GET ME AN AMBU BAG!
Asuna...
I'm sorry...
HEART RATE FALLING!
NO
NO, PLEASE

PREPARE DEFIBRIL-LATOR!
CARDIAC ARREST!
KIRITO -KUN...
I DON'T WANT THIS...
CONTINUE DEFIBRIL-LATION!
kirito
0 3
YOU'RE KIDDING, KIRITO -KUN...
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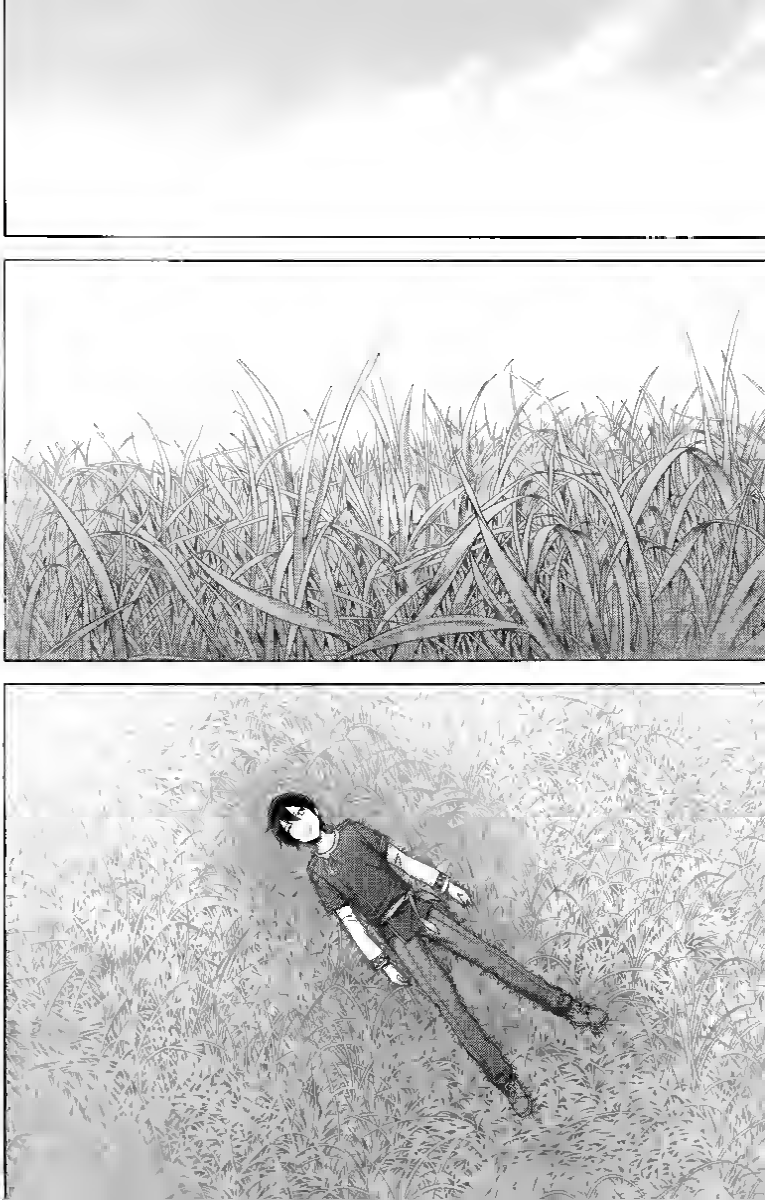
YOU PROMISED ME YOU WOULDN'T GO SOMEWHERE AND LEAVE ME BY MYSELF...

YOU PROMISED ME...
WE WOULD ALWAYS BE TOGETHER, RIGHT?



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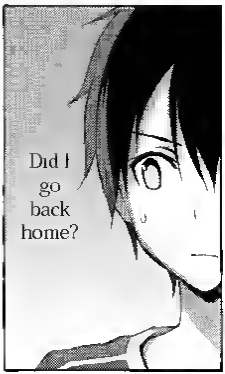
WHERE AM I?
WHERE...

My name is Kirigaya Kazuto
I'm—

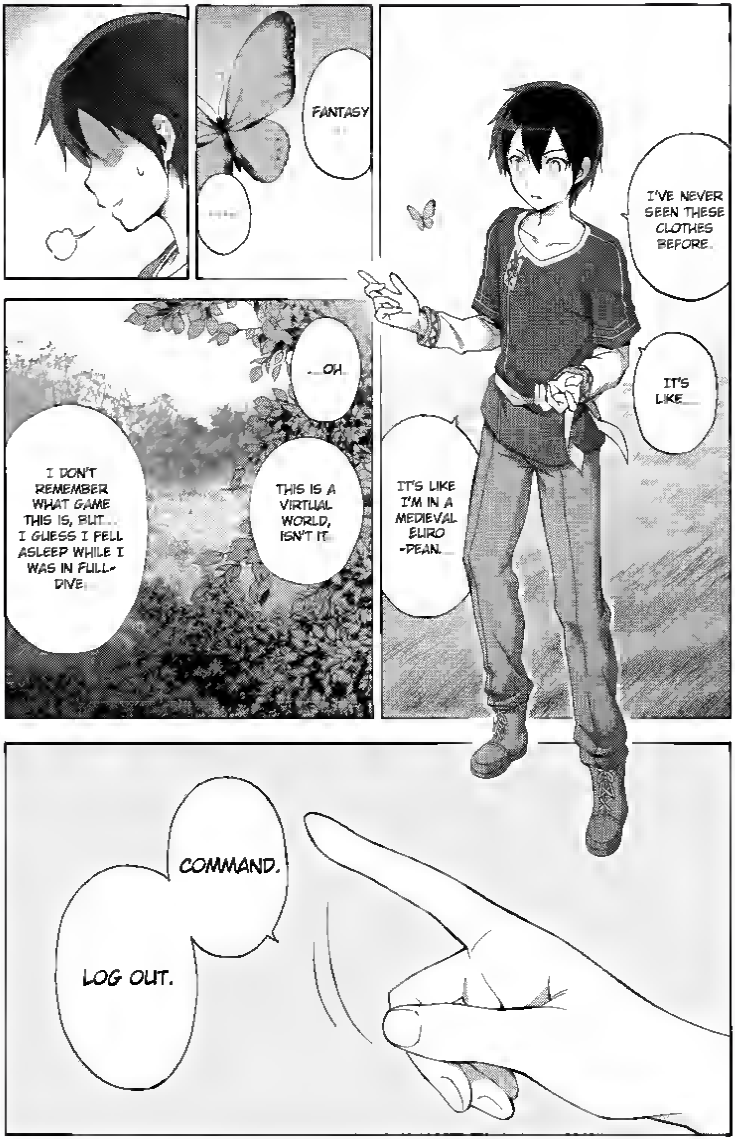
I can't remember
Hi Hi

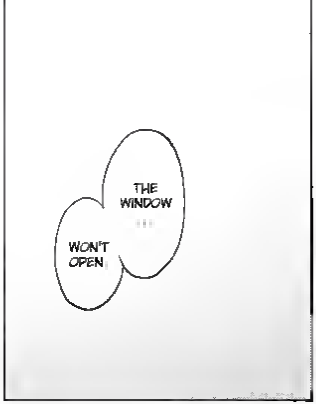

Did I go back home?

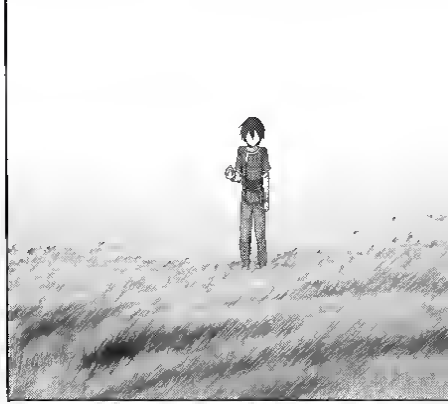
and go back to the train station...?
Back there, how did I say goodbye to Asuna

COTTON... NO, HEMP?

?!
THESE ARE SOME WEIRD CLOTHES.


FANTASY
I'VE NEVER SEEN THESE CLOTHES BEFORE.
IT'S LIKE...
IT'S LIKE I'M IN A MEDIEVAL EURO-PEAN...
...OH.
THIS IS A VIRTUAL WORLD, ISN'T IT.
I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT GAME THIS IS, BUT... I GUESS I FELL ASLEEP WHILE I WAS IN FULL-DIVE.
COMMAND.
LOG OUT.


THE WINDOW...
WON'T OPEN



WHERE...
WHERE THE HELL AM I...?
KIRITO OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN ON THE VERGE OF DEATH, BUT WHERE IS HE NOW...?

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